

BEAD HEAD BRASSIE



Recipe

Hook.....Dry or scud, size 14 – 20

Thread....Black

Head.....Brass or copper bead

Body.....Copper wire (or colored wire)

Thorax....Peacock herl

1. Take a bead and slide it on the hook to behind the hook eye. Then place the hook in the vise so that the hook eye is angled slightly down. This will help keep the bead at the front.
2. Tie-in thread behind hook eye and wrap back to bend of hook. (If using a scud hook, tie-in thread at hook eye and wrap $\frac{1}{2}$ way down the bend.)
3. Take a piece of copper wire and, using pliers, flatten a short section on one end. Flattening the end will help eliminate any bump at the end of the body.
4. Tie in the wire at the hook bend by the flattened end, covering the flattened end with tight thread wraps. Tag end of the wire should extend back past end of hook bend. Continue wrapping the thread $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way toward the hook eye. Tie a half-hitch and let the thread hang.
5. Grasp the copper wire and wrap it in tight concentric turns $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up the hook shank and tie off. Clip excess copper wire.
6. Select 2-3 peacock herls, remove bare ends, and align ends. Tie-in herl at end of copper wire body, twist into a loose rope and wrap the herl to just behind the bead. Tie off the herl and remove any excess.
7. Whip finish, cut thread, and apply head cement.